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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ZONING COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING

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MONDAY
OCTOBER 29, 2018

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The Special Meeting of the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened in the Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room, Room 220 South, 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001, pursuant to notice at 6:00 p.m., Anthony J. Hood, Chairman, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairperson
- ROBERT MILLER, Vice Chairperson
- MICHAEL G. TURNBULL, FAIA, Commissioner (AOC)
- PETER G. MAY, Commissioner (NPS)
- PETER SHAPIRO, Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

- SHARON S. SCHELLIN, Secretary

OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

- JENNIFER STEINGASSER, Deputy Director,
Development Review & Historic Preservation
- JOEL LAWSON

D.C. OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

- MAXIMILIAN TONDRO

The transcript constitutes the minutes from the Special meeting held on October 29, 2018.

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6:03 p.m.

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3 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay, we're ready to get started
4 with the special public meeting. Good evening, ladies and
5 gentlemen; this is the public hearing of the Zoning
6 Commission for the District of Columbia. Today's date is
7 October the 29th, 2018. My name is Anthony Hood. Joining
8 me are Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner Shapiro, Commissioner
9 May, Commissioner Turnbull. We're also joined by the Office
10 of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin, as well as the Office
11 of the Attorney General, Mr. Tondro, Office of Planning Ms.
12 Steingasser and Mr. Lawson.

13 We are here tonight just to proceed with one
14 agenda item; I would ask Ms. Schellin if she would mention
15 the agenda item.

16 SECRETARY SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. Before the
17 commission this evening is a letter from the DC Council
18 regarding short-term rentals, and I'd ask the commission to
19 consider the letter that's before them.

20 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Schellin.

21 Okay, Commissioners, as you know, we have a letter
22 from Chairman Mendelson and the City Council asking us to
23 initiate a text amendment case and to take emergency action
24 and rule-making concerning short-term rental uses. But
25 before we move forward -- much thought has went into this --

1 I would like to have the Office of Planning's report and have
2 the Office of Planning report in consultation with the zoning
3 administrator and Office of Attorney General. And I think
4 the Office of Attorney General has come up with a proposed
5 scope for that report, and I will ask Ms. Schellin to read
6 that report.

7 SECRETARY SCHELLIN: Sure, so the commission has
8 request the Office of Planning to provide a report that, one,
9 sets forth the current legal status under the zoning
10 regulations of short-term residential rental uses; two, that
11 provides text to permit short-term rental uses in such zones
12 and under such conditions as would be consistent with the
13 comprehensive plan; three, indicates whether the text should
14 become effective before the effective date of the proposed
15 council legislation that will regulate these uses; and if so,
16 recommends whether the commission should adopt the text on
17 an emergency basis. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Schellin.
19 Commissioners, you've heard that. Let me ask, Ms.
20 Steingasser; Ms. Steingasser, is that something that the
21 Office of Planning can do?

22 MS. STEINGASSER: Yes, sir. It is.

23 CHAIRMAN HOOD: And you know the four criteria's
24 that we're looking for?

25 MS. STEINGASSER: Yes, sir.

1 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. Do the commissioners have
2 anything to add? Is that okay with all of my colleagues?

3 COMMISSIONER SHAPIRO: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay, so what we'll do, we'll get
5 the Office of Planning report and at that time we'll put it
6 under hearing, actually. We will deal with it when it's
7 received. I don't know what all is going to be involved for
8 discovery and research because we want to make sure we do
9 this right. I know that there's some other issues that
10 pertain to this being able to make this decision and we will
11 make sure we do it right and we have all the information as
12 we proceed forward.

13 Vice Chairman, do you have a question?

14 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.
15 Yes, and when you say you put it down for hearing action, I
16 assume what you mean is that we would put it down for the
17 question of whether we would set it down for a public
18 hearing.

19 CHAIRMAN HOOD: In a normal course whether we sit
20 down for a public hearing and take up any other actions that
21 are requested at the time, depending on the findings of the
22 Office of Planning.

23 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, I would just say my
24 inclination is I would not want to do, but I'll see what the
25 Office of Planning report says. I'm certainly open-minded

1 but I wouldn't want to do emergency action at that time
2 without having a public hearing first.

3 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Again, I'm not going to put any
4 point of views out there until we have the information in
5 front of us. I think it's best that I reserve that so I can
6 make sure I make an informed decision on all the information
7 I have with me at the time.

8 So, any other questions or comments?

9 PARTICIPANT: No, sir.

10 CHAIRMAN HOOD: Okay. So Ms. Schellin, do we have
11 anything else?

12 SECRETARY SCHELLIN: No, sir. That's it.

13 CHAIRMAN HOOD: All right. I now declare this
14 special public meeting adjourned.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the
16 record at 6:07 p.m.)

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